



May 2023 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

April has been a fantastic celebration of our amazing planet and staff and students enjoyed the wide range of activities and programming this month has brought to us. Our Community Wildlife presentations, the Primary students pottery event, our Environmental Book Vote, our Blue Spruce guest readers, the annual BOOK SWAP and the Grade 4 Heritage Museum trip were all wonderful examples of how our students were able to enjoy unique hands-on learning opportunities. We really appreciated all the volunteers who took the time to support these experiences because we certainly can't do these types of things without the support of our Home and School funds and our parent volunteers.

May is here and with that are some the spring events that arrive at this time of year. Our Track and Field day is happening on May 10th at Parkside and our Grade 3 and 6 students will complete their EQAO testing this month. As well, we look forward to our professional development day which will take place on the 19th because we are confident that the learning from these sessions will impact the delivery of our Literacy and Numeracy curriculum in a positive way.

As always, we appreciate every family and the support you give to us as we teach the curriculum and the critical life lessons related to being kind and compassionate humans. We count it a tremendous privilege to work with such wonderful students and families each day!

Ms.W-C and Ms. Johnson

NEW KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY

Spread the word!! Our new Kindergarten orientation has been scheduled for June 14th at 10 –10:30 a.m. We look forward to welcoming our newest little Captains to the creek!

Illness

Just a reminder to our families that we really appreciate it when you do not send sick children to school. As well, please ensure that your emergency contact information is up to date and that there is always someone available in the event that your child does get sick at school. Thank you so much. We appreciate your help with this.

Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT SAFE

Due to students with allergies, Kettle Creek P.S. is nut safe. To look for safe lunch ideas that do not contain or indicate "may contain" these products, please check out this website: www.snacksafely.com. Please do not send any nut products (or may contain) to school with your child. Please note that items from bulk food locations often come into contact with nuts. Please check their safety before sending them to school.

Per Thames Valley's Policy, please do not send **Wow Butter** or any items made with Wow Butter to school. Thank you for helping us to ensure the safety of each of our students.



ST THOMAS AREA REVIEW

The volunteers from our STAAR committee have submitted their report and we hope to have some feedback from the board regarding the recommendations that were submitted in June.

LOST AND FOUND

Just a reminder to follow the link that we send via Messenger and claim the item(s) that look familiar to you so that we can send those home with your child. Please do **NOT call the school** to claim your items. **Follow the prompts on the link** provided to claim your child's belongings.

ECO CLASS LEADERS

Grade 8 and FDK eco-buddies are citizens scientists! These students are participating in "Tomatosphere", a citizen science project aiming to learn more about how seeds would germinate in space. The students have received two sets of seeds, but they do not know which ones have travelled to space and back! They must report how many of the planted seeds from each packet successfully germinate. At the end of the growing period, students will submit their results to Tomatosphere. Only then will they find out which seeds had been to space!

Green Tip of the Month:

Spend at least a half an hour outside playing each day.

Library/Learning Commons with Mr. Durston

The Learning Commons had a wonderful visit from Paula Morrith in the final week of April to celebrate environmentalism. With her help, students from every division in the school got to make a piece of art with an environmental focus. As we turn to our focus for the month of May, the Learning Commons will be sharing stories exploring Indigenous history and culture.

SAVE THE DATE

Grade 8 Graduation has been planned for Monday June 26th at 6:30 p.m. and we already have a team of parent volunteers organizing to make it a memorable event for our students and families. A huge thank you to those folks for pitching in and making our school a better place.

LEARNING SKILLS & GLOBAL COMPETENCIES

In order to support academic growth, we will be continuing to explicitly teach the 6 learning skills as outlined on the Provincial Report card. We will coordinate on a school wide level, the focused skill of the month. This will provide common language and consistency across the school and allow all staff to provide teachable moments throughout the school day with all the students. The monthly focus pages can be found in the front of each child's planner so if you would like to coordinate your home focus with ours, that would be fantastic.

Our learning skill focus for MAY is:

When we COLLABORATE well with others, we learn more

EQAO

It is that time of the year and our Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the EQAO assessment from May 30th-June 11th. The specific dates are as follows:

May 29th-Grade 3
May 30th -Grade 3
May 31st-Grade 3
June 1st -Grade 3
June 13th-14th-Make up days Grade 3

June 5th Grade 6
June 7th Grade 6
June 8th Grade 6
June 9th - 14th -Make up day Grade 6

To help us with this process, we beg families to consider scheduling all appointments on alternate days and ensure that your children are well rested and nourished before they come to school- especially on those days.

In terms of support for your child, please remind them that they just need to try their best and don't need to worry about being perfect. The less anxiety students have around this process, the smoother things go and the easier it will be for them to demonstrate their learning. Thank you for all you do to support our efforts here.

Talent Show

We are so excited to announce that we will once again, have our Talent Show this year. THANK YOU to our Home and School who are organizing this wonderful show. All submissions are due by June 2nd so please encourage your child or your family to get organized and practicing!

SPORT CORNER

Our Junior Basketball season, Wrestling and Badminton season is completed and we are so proud of every student who participated and represented our school with class. A special shout out to Emily M and Brooklyn S who won the regional Badminton tournament and went on to play at the TVDSB finals.

This month our Grade 4-8 students will participate in our school Track and Field Day which is scheduled for May 10th. Unfortunately, due to construction and lack of parking at Parkside, we cannot invite spectators this year. We will have bussing for students both to and from the event and will do our best to take photos. **As well, please do NOT send high school siblings to watch events as this becomes a very difficult situation for staff to supervise and ensure safety.** Thanks for your help with that.

Want to VOLUNTEER?

We are always looking for more volunteers to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. If you are interested in helping out, please give us a call at the school so we can get you set up. **Mrs. Sutherland is looking for a volunteer to help a couple hours a week with the snack program. Please contact Mrs. Sutherland at the office.** THANKS!

Hot Lunch Days

A reminder that Hot Lunch days in May are:

- Friday, May 12
- Friday, May 26
- Friday, June 9

Online ordering is closed.

Indoor Shoes / Extra Clothes

Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather. **All students must have indoor shoes.** This will help with keeping the floors clean and free from causing slips and falls. It is also extremely important for students to wear clean footwear during gym classes. If you need support with this request, let us know. **If possible, please send an extra pair of pants and socks to keep in your child's school bag, as our yard gets very wet and muddy at times.** Thank you for your support and ensuring the safety of your child.

Mark your Calendars

Wednesday, May 3

- Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations

Thursday, May 4

- Spirit Day – May the 4th Be With You Day
- BE AN ALLSTAR assembly

Friday, May 5

- Gr. 6-8 Trip to Port Stanley Festival Theatre “The Adams Family”

Wednesday, May 10

- Grade 4-8 Track and Field Day

Friday, May 12

- Hot Lunch Day

Thursday, May 18

- School Council/Home and School Meeting – 6:30 (virtual or in-person)

Friday, May 19

- PD day – no school for students

Monday, May 22

- Victoria Day – no school

Tuesday, May 23

- Regional Track & Field Meet

Friday, May 26

- Spirit Day – Band Shirt Day
- Hot Lunch Day
- Gr. 2 Trip to Jaffa

Monday, May 29

- Grade 3 - EQAO

Tuesday, May 30

- Grade 3 EQAO

Wednesday, May 31

- Grade 3 EQAO

Friday, June 2

- PD Day – no school

Home and School / School Council

The Home and School along with the School Council members continue to work tirelessly to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. They organize our hot lunch and many other events to support our school community.

Our next virtual **or in person meeting** will take place on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. FREE child care is available if you would like to attend in person and we do our very best to keep meeting to an hour(ish). ALL WELCOME!

